



## Candidate statements

### Clark County Assessor

**Linda Franklin**  
*Democrat*



Chief Deputy Assessor for 23 years, Linda Franklin is committed to fair and equitable assessments. She is an accredited appraiser and is experienced at applying complex tax laws. She manages a cost-effective and efficient department with a professional staff of 75 that provides outstanding customer service. An innovative leader, she spearheaded award-winning computer mapping services now invaluable to the county, cities, and the public.

"Linda Franklin is the most qualified person for this job," says retiring Assessor Ben Gassaway. "At the forefront of every major program and improvement, she has the experienced leadership this community needs."

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**Don Benton**  
*Republican*



After income taxes, property taxes are the largest tax we pay as families. In my eight years in the state legislature, I gained the reputation of being a tax-fighter for the people. For Assessor, you have a simple choice between government bureaucrats - or someone who works for the people. I will lobby the state to reduce your property tax burden - and ensure equal and fair assessments for everyone!

I will bring my business experience to this office to bring about efficiencies, efficiencies my opponents don't believe exist. I would be honored to have your trust and your vote.

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## Clark County Auditor

**Jim Gallagher**  
*Democrat*



Cast your vote for leadership in Clark County Government!  
Jim Gallagher served twelve years in the Auditor's Office. He implemented a voting system that was new to Washington State. Elections officials throughout the Northwest copied his system. Now a new generation of voting equipment is on the horizon for our community. Jim Gallagher is the right person to lead Clark County through this next period of election reform.

Jim Gallagher served two terms as Vancouver's Mayor and set in motion key initiatives that are renewing Vancouver's neighborhoods and downtown today.  
Cast your vote for Jim Gallagher, Clark County Auditor.

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**Greg Kimsey**  
*Republican*



It has been a privilege to serve as your County Auditor these past four years. Accomplishments include saving tax dollars by reducing election costs \$250,000 over a five year period, and working with the Assessor, Treasurer and Legislators to change a law so we can provide significantly improved customer service.

Future challenges include purchasing a new voting system and increasing the use of performance audits.

I have been and will continue to be an advocate for taxpayers in county government.

I appreciate your confidence in me four years ago. I hope you will honor me with your vote this year.

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## Clark County Clerk

**Jo Anne McBride**  
*Democrat*



Success is not found, it is achieved through experience, education, and dedication to public service.

The last 21 years have allowed me to leave handwritten ledgers behind, and go on line for all aspects of court business.

We've installed an imaging system for court records, opened 3 satellite offices, developed a guardianship monitoring program for the protection of seniors and children, spearheaded legislation and installed a management system to stop identity theft from Court records.

My goal for the future is for electronic filing and a paperless Court. Easy access by being on line, not standing in line.

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**Mark Stratton**  
*Republican*



Mark Stratton's plan to revitalize the Clerk's Office will increase responsiveness, accountability, and efficiency, which means your tax dollar will go farther. Mark will introduce the Clerk's Office to a new level of customer service, the same characteristic that has made him a respected business leader. The Clerk's Office will be brought into the 21st Century by adding debit and credit payment capabilities as well as electronic submission of documents. Accountability will be instilled by creating a strategic plan with public input and openly tracking results. It is time for a new face with fresh ideas. Your vote is appreciated.

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## Clark County Commissioner – District No. 3

**Craig Pridemore**  
*Democrat*



Craig Pridemore, 41, is a native of Clark County and was first elected county commissioner in 1998. He has been an advocate for managed growth, economic development and governmental accountability. He has served as chair of numerous community boards including C-Tran, the Clean Air Agency and the Bi-State Transportation Committee.

In a second term, Craig will focus on the update to the county's comprehensive land use plan and efforts to attract new jobs to Clark County, both from new and existing businesses. He will continue to advocate for a fiscally conservative government, drawing on ten years experience in public finance.

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**Al Raines**  
*Republican*



Clark County is entering a new era of livability and growth. We need leaders who are willing to work long hours, listen to the people, and make hard decisions that will make Clark County a prosperous and enjoyable place to live.

Al Raines is that leader!

We must hold the line on taxes so our economy can grow and create more jobs. We must find more efficient and effective ways to provide government service. Al is widely known for starting the *Vancouver Business Journal* and bringing a positive influence to the local business community.

For honest leadership, vote Al Raines.

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## Clark County Prosecuting Attorney

**Art Curtis**  
*Democrat*



Art Curtis has been a prosecutor with Clark County since 1977 when he was hired as a felony trial attorney; promoted to Chief Criminal Deputy in 1979; appointed, then elected, to his present position in 1981. Much has been accomplished in the 21 years he has been prosecutor including building a "career-oriented" prosecution staff, expanding services to crime victims, vigorously prosecuting sex offenders and helping child sexual assault victims by establishing the Child Abuse Intervention Center, helping local businesses obtain restitution on "bad checks" by establishing an NSF check program, and recently opening a Domestic Violence Prosecution Center.

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## Clark County Sheriff

**Craig Hogman**  
*Democrat*



Craig Hogman, a Clark County Sergeant serving this community as a dedicated public servant for 28 years. He is the recipient of the Medal of Valor and Medal of Honor.

Craig believes in victim's rights, strong partnerships within the community, cost effective management, a continuation of the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing and developing a plan that will assure us jail space for those who should be incarcerated.

As your Sheriff, Craig will work hard to develop regional programs that streamline services within the law and justice community.

Married 32 years, Craig and Vicki have 6 children and 10 grandchildren.

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**Garry Lucas**  
*Republican*



Sheriff Garry Lucas, first elected in 1990, ran on a three-plank platform: Implementing community policing, ensuring hard beds for hard criminals, and developing a tracking system for predatory offenders. All three promises have been kept.

Sheriff Lucas is in his 35th year of service with the Clark County Sheriff's office, and held the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and Chief Criminal Deputy. He has a B.S. in administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Continuing the evolution of community policing, building cost efficient corrections options, and using technology for effectiveness are his goals for the future.

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## Clark County Treasurer

**Doug Lasher**  
*Democrat*



As your County Treasurer for eighteen years, we have led in innovative treasury management such as investment pooling, a joint remittance processing center and Senior Tax Work-Off program. The next two years will be critical as we implement a new financial system and replace the County's outdated receipting and tax collection systems. This new computer system will allow citizens to conduct business over the Internet and provide more efficient and effective customer service. Customer service is a priority. In collaboration with the Assessor and Auditor, we are establishing a one-stop service center. Your continued trust, support and vote is appreciated.

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